

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2005**

**2:45 p.m.**

**Room 326 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by Representative Stahl, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Lemmons, Jr.** moved to adopt the minutes of the **November 1, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative VanderVeen**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chairman Stahl** laid **HB 5438, HB 5439, HB 5440, HB 5441, HB 5442, HB 5443, HB 5444, HB 5445, HB 5446, and HB 4121** before the committee.

HB 5438	Kooiman	Human services; services or financial assistance; family independence eligibility and work first exemptions; revise.
HB 5439	Shaffer	Human services; services or financial assistance; how to consider supplemental security income and work first participant's income in determining family independence assistance eligibility; clarify.
HB 5440	Pearce	Human services; services or financial assistance; verification of receipt of benefits in other states; require.
HB 5441	Farhat	Human services; employment and training; sanctions for not complying with work first; clarify.
HB 5442	Ball	Human services; services or financial assistance; disregard for certain income of work first participants; codify.
HB 5443	Mortimer	Human services; services or financial assistance; participation in education program to meet work first requirement; revise.
HB 5444	Stahl	Human services; services or financial assistance; family independence program's social contract; revise.

- HB 5445 Kooiman Human services; services or financial assistance; social welfare reform; provide for.
- HB 5446 Kolb Human services; medical services; initial wage verification for eligibility for certain medical services programs; require.
- HB 4121 Clack Human services; services or financial assistance; work first program; repeal sunset.

**Representative VanderVeen** moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to **HB 5438**. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Pearce** moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to **HB 5439**. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Pearce** moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to **HB 5440**. The motion was supported by **Representative Stahl**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Polidori** moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to **HB 5441**. The motion was supported by **Representative Pearce**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 5442**. The motion was supported by **Representative Pearce**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Pearce** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 5443**. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Lemmons, Jr.** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 5444**. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative VanderVeen** moved to adopt the substitute **(H-1)** to **HB 5445**. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Lemmons, Jr.** moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to **HB 5446**. The motion was supported by **Representative Polidori**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Clack** moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to **HB 4121**. The motion was supported by **Representative Stahl**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Kooiman**, sponsor of HB 5438, explained his bill to the committee.

**Representative Shaffer**, sponsor of HB 5439, explained his bill to the committee.

**Representative Kolb**, sponsor of HB 5446, explained his bill to the committee.

**Ron Hicks**, legislative liaison for the Department of Human Services, testified in support of the bills.

**Sharon Parks**, representing the Michigan League for Human Services, submitted written testimony and did not indicate a position on the bills.

**Sharon Clayton Peters**, President and CEO of the Voices for Michigan's Children, testified indicating neutrality on the bills.

**Christine Timmons**, representing Jewels of Knowledge Media Productions, testified in support of HB 5441, HB 5443, HB 5446 and HB 4121.

**Noah Smith**, representing the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, submitted a card indicating neutrality on the bills and did not wish to speak.

**Jackie Doig**, Senior Staff Attorney for the Center for Civil Justice, testified indicating neutrality on the bills.

**Linda Potter**, Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan, testified in opposition to the HB 5439.

**Doug Stites**, representing the Michigan Works! Association, testified indicating support, opposition, and neutrality on the bills.

**Representative VanderVeen** moved to report **HB 5438** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Pearce** moved to report **HB 5439** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to report **HB 5440** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Stahl**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Pearce** offered the following amendment to **HB 5441 (H-1)**:

1. Amend page 3, line 23, after “A” by striking out “**MICHIGAN WORKS AGENCY WORKER**” and inserting “**WORK FIRST REPRESENTATIVE**”.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Pearce**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,

Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Pearce** moved to report **HB 5441** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-2)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Pearce** moved to report **HB 5442** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Hoogendyk** offered the following amendment to **HB 5443 (H-1)**:

1. Amend page 3, line 8, after “**THE**” by inserting “**LOCAL WORK FIRST PROGRAM’S PARTICIPANTS**”.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to report **HB 5443** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-2)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyke**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Pearce** moved to report **HB 5444** with recommendation, as substitute **(H-1)**. The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Pearce** offered the following amendment to **HB 5445 (H-1)**:

1. Amend page 2, line 27, after the first “**THE**” by striking out “**COUNTY**” and inserting “**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA**”.

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to adopt the amendment. The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**Representative Sheen** moved to report **HB 5445** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-2**). The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Pearce** moved to report **HB 5446** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-1**). The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **5-0-4**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk and Sheen,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: Representatives Clack, Spade, Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.

The committee returned to the consideration of **HB 4121**.

**Representative Pearce** moved to report **HB 4121** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-1**). The motion was supported by **Representative Vander Veen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **9-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade,  
Polidori and Lemmons, Jr.,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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**Representative John Stahl, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517/373-7256  
2 hours 48 minutes